



Crop Progress and Condition



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Hot and Dry Conditions Across Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, unchanged from the previous week. The hot conditions allowed producers in northern Idaho to finish grain harvest. Third cutting of alfalfa also wrapped up in northern Idaho. Conditions were too hot and dry for producers to start fall plantings. Sugarbeet harvest started early in southern Idaho. Potato harvest was underway. Strong winds Monday evening damaged harvested beans in windrows in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. The northeastern corner of Idaho was extremely hot and dry.

Oregon Grain Harvest Wrapped Up in Very Hot and Smokey Weather

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, unchanged from the previous week. In northwest Oregon, the Willamette Valley was hot and dry with very low humidity. The Valley remained in a drought declaration. This weekend's windstorm brought smoke and ash from nearby fires. Smokey conditions were reported in Polk County. At times, the sun was completely blocked. Irrigated grass fields produced forage as either pasture, silage or green chop. Other fields were less productive. Not much corn silage was harvested. Some morning fog was observed in low-lying areas along the north coast. In north central Oregon, producers worked hard to prepare their ground for seeding. Grain harvest was completed. The weather was very hot and dry. Pastures dried up. There was not much feed out there for cattle. Grasshoppers have done some damage. In Northeast Oregon, some winter wheat was planted in the drier areas of Umatilla County. In southwest Oregon, producers irrigated all remaining tree fruit and wine grape crops. Farms with access to irrigation have been watering nonstop as most wine grapes enter in to the last few weeks before harvest. The wine grape harvest began with several white wine grapes leading off. With such high temperatures last week, growers harvested some grapes early to preserve acidity for a nicely balanced wine. Bartlett pear harvest wrapped up with most fruit already in the cooler. Winter pear harvest was still a few weeks away. The early apple harvest started. Gala harvest was going strong with Empire and Early Fuji right behind. The heat had some growers concerned with some sunburn issues with apple crops. Growers kept orchards watered and some used kaolin clay sprays to help protect fruit. In south central and southeastern Oregon, hot temperatures and smoke filled skies were the norm. Conditions worsened by the end of the week. Some hay could be smoke tainted. Grapes ripened in the vineyards across central Oregon. Lone Pine Irrigation District found more water to extend the season for a little longer.

Hot and Dry Weather Throughout Washington

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.9 days the previous week. In western Washington, it continued to stay dry. Irrigation continued where it was possible. Tree fruit began to ripen. CSA farms continued to haul in large harvests. Livestock were running low on pastures. Pastures started to suffer from lack of rain so farms moved livestock to stock piled feed. Yakima County daytime temperatures worked their way from the low 90s to the upper 90s over the past week. The Evans Creek fire started last Monday and due to dry conditions and high winds it covered over 75,000 acres of scrubland, hills, canyons and recreational areas in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Air quality and visibility was poor. The wind, smoke, ash, and blowing sand did not slow down apple or hop harvest. Packinghouses were receiving Gala, Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, and Granny Smith apple varieties. Hop harvest began only a week ago, but facilities ran continuously. Some winter pear varieties, like Bosc and Comice, started to come in. Tomato and winter squash harvest picked up. Roadside vegetable stands were at peak selection.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/06/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	34	48	18	-
Oregon	53	27	20	-
Washington.....	35	33	32	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	34	45	21	-
Oregon	46	40	14	-
Washington.....	30	31	39	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	14	20	36	30	-
Oregon	38	43	14	5	-
Washington.....	20	24	45	11	-
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	1	58	41
Oregon	2	6	36	38	18
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	2	77	21
Oregon	1	3	14	68	14
Washington.....	2	3	26	54	15
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	6	39	54	1
Oregon	2	6	14	60	18
Washington.....	1	1	11	77	10
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	2	6	10	70	12
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	2	67	31
Oregon	-	-	20	70	10
Washington.....	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	86	72	80	86
Winter wheat harvested.....	99	94	97	98
Winter wheat planted.....	5	3	1	4
Barley harvested.....	89	81	89	91
Oats harvested.....	82	78	82	87
Potatoes harvested.....	11	7	9	11
Field corn dough.....	93	84	85	91
Field corn dented.....	45	34	42	65
Field corn mature.....	12	1	9	17
Field corn harvested for silage.....	2	1	5	14
Dry edible beans harvested.....	15	4	25	43
Dry edible peas harvested.....	95	88	93	(NA)
Onions harvested.....	26	10	49	35
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	72	64	73	78
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	21	7	20	20

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	94	79	94	97
Winter wheat planted.....	5	1	9	3
Barley harvested.....	92	75	94	93
Oats harvested.....	82	68	90	92
Potatoes harvested.....	42	35	45	48
Field corn silking.....	98	93	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dough.....	81	52	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	25	7	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage.....	2	1	4	8
Dry edible beans harvested.....	17	8	40	52
Onions harvested.....	29	22	44	36
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	87	83	79	80
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

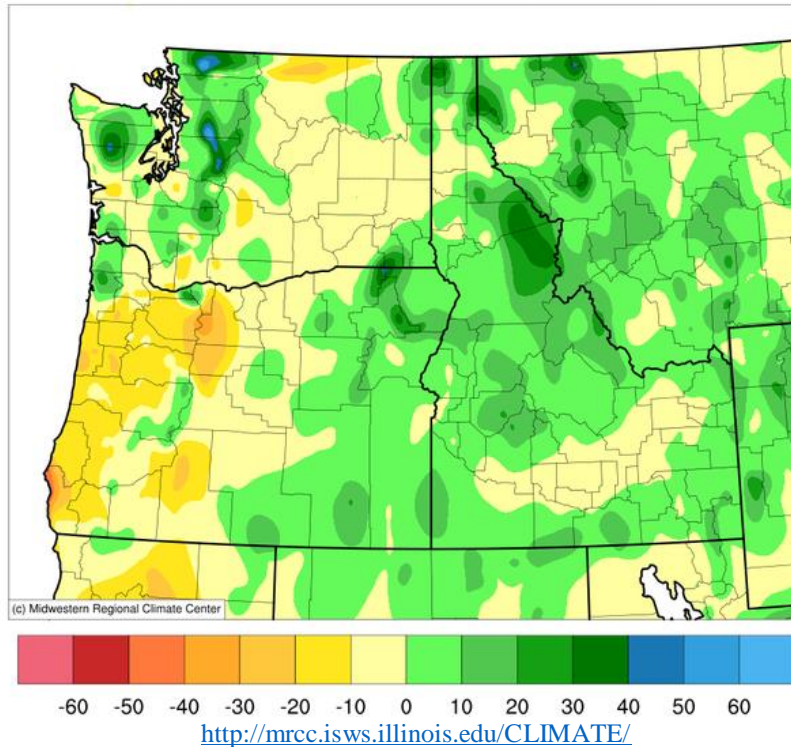
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	83	62	70	88
Winter wheat harvested.....	95	88	94	99
Winter wheat planted.....	32	16	15	17
Barley harvested.....	89	67	64	87
Oats harvested.....	63	58	67	83
Potatoes harvested.....	46	41	22	36
Field corn dough.....	84	58	53	71
Field corn dented.....	33	18	12	29
Field corn mature.....	11	4	2	10
Field corn harvested for silage.....	15	2	6	8
Dry edible beans harvested.....	48	31	17	46
Dry edible peas harvested.....	84	69	79	91
Onions harvested.....	64	60	36	53
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	80	68	84	90
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	10	5	31	37

(NA) Not available.

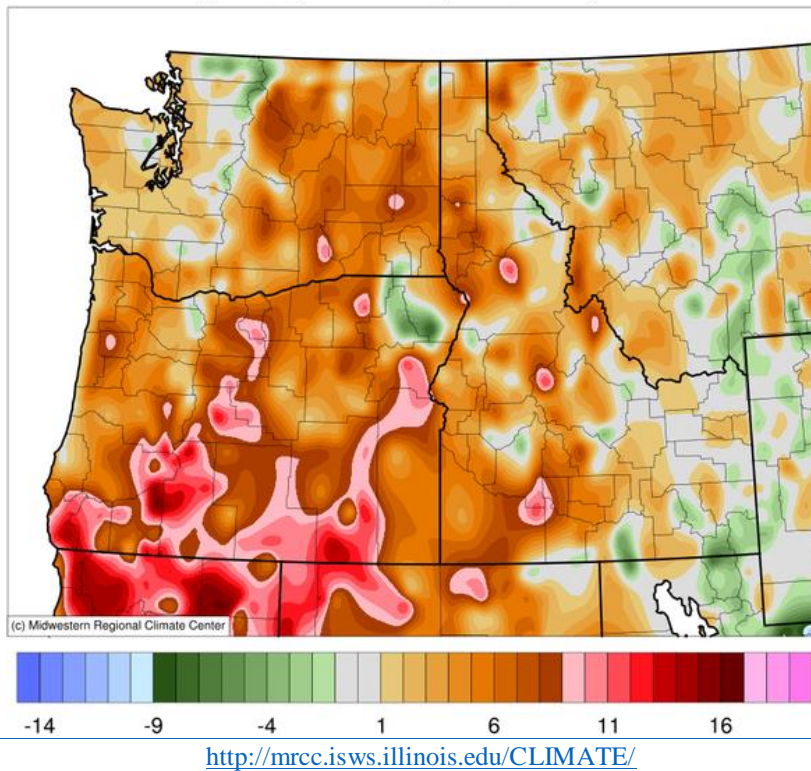
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to September 06, 2020



Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



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